7 February 1963

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Costs of Soviet Military Equipment

Delivered to Cuba

The total cost of Soviet military equipment delivered to Cuba comes to over a billion dollars. The strategic systems, missiles and bombers, which have been withdrawn would have cost, in terms of US production costs, over a third of a billion dollars. Soviet equipment remaining in Cuba on 1 January 1963 would have a total US cost of about \$800 million. This includes principal pieces of equipment at a price of more than \$500 million and spares, ammunition and supporting equipment costing between \$275 and \$300 million. The annual outlay necessary to pay and resupply the forces now there would be in the neighborhood of \$130 million at US production costs and pay scales.